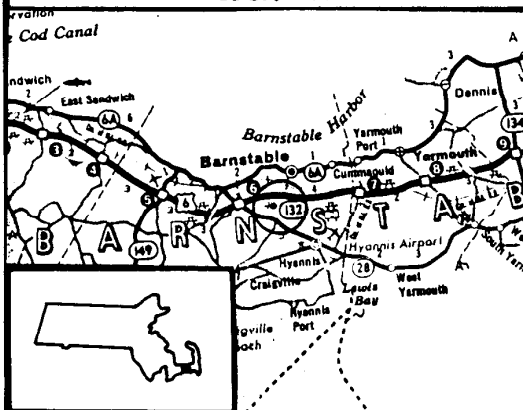




Access

PHINNEYS LANE
→ 0.4 Mi. to Rt. 132

LOCATION



HATHAWAY POND (BARNSTABLE) AREA = 20 Acres

HATHAWAY POND (Barnstable)

General Information:

This small, 20-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 27 feet and a maximum depth of 57 feet. Transparency is excellent, extending to 23 feet. The bottom is composed of rubble and sand, and the shoreline is undeveloped with the exception of a town beach. This pond is also known as North Hathaways Pond. (South Hathaways Pond is a very shallow warm water pond.)

The pond is located about 1.5 miles southeast of the Route 6/Route 132 interchange, and east of Wequaquet Lake. From Route 6, take exit 6 onto Route 132 south. At the Phinneys Lane stoplight take a left and travel 0.4 miles. The access road to the town beach is on the left. A small ramp suitable for launching of car top boats and canoes is located to the right of the town beach.

Fisheries management on this pond dates back to 1873, when smallmouth bass were introduced. It was reclaimed for trout management in 1952. Used extensively for experimental management, it was reclaimed again in 1956, 1962, 1967, 1969, 1971 and 1973. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked in 1982.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fisheries survey was conducted in 1991, at which time six species were found present: brook trout, smallmouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed sunfish, banded killifish and American eel.

Fishing:

This pond is annually stocked in the spring with brook trout. It is managed for brook trout and offers the potential for good holdover brook trout. Garden worms, bright colored streamers and small spinners are all highly recommended. During summer, look for the brookies to be at depths of 26 to 40 feet. Anglers may also want to pursue the smallmouth and yellow perch, as there are at least a few fine examples of both species present here.

During the summer this pond receives heavy recreational use as a town swimming area. Due to the clarity of the water, it is also used extensively by scuba divers, some of who sunk an old cabin cruiser in the pond to use as a diving site.

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